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CORN PRODUCTION FORECAST RAISED

SIoux FALLS, November 10, 1999 -- The South Dakota November 1 production forecast for corn is up 5 percent while soybeans and sorghum remains unchanged, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The higher corn production resulted from a yield increase of 5 bushels.

Corn production, at 373.75 million bushels, is up 5 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year's record. Yield is forecast at 115.0 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the October forecast. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and production on record. Acres harvested for grain, at 3.25 million, are down 8 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 135.10 million bushels, unchanged from October but 2 percent above 1998's revised record of 132.60 million bushels. Yield, at 35.0 bushels per acre, is also unchanged from the previous forecast. Harvested acres, at 3.86 million, are up 14 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 6.38 million bushels, unchanged from last month but 36 percent below 1998. Yield, at 58.0 bushels per acre, is also unchanged from the previous forecast. Grain sorghum harvested acres, at 110,000, are down 21 percent from last year.

Potato production is forecast at 986,000 cwt with a yield of 290 cwt per acre. Harvested acres are forecast at 3,400 with 3,500 acres planted.

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